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A STARTLING ADMISION.

The unsafety of the Fourth Avenue Tunnel is startlingly illustrated by a despatch from Albany which says that the State Board of Railroad Commissioners has withdrawn its restriction as to speed of trains running through it, upon the condition that the railroad company station a man at each home signal with torpedoes to put on the track when the signal is set at danger, and with instructions to go back to warn following trains should a train become stalled near the home signal. This undoubtedly was done at the request of the New York Central Railroad, and is an admission that reliance cannot be placed upon its system of signalling. It is a very strong argument in favor of the passage of the bill now before the Legislature, directing that the tunnel be ventilated and lighted.

For nine years the New York Central Company, knowing the danger to which it was subjecting the passengers who travelled over its road, made no effort whatsoever to lessen it, and this safety measure would never have been suggested had not the public risen in its might and entered its protest. And in spite of this fact efforts are being made to secure sympathy for the railroad manager, who stands a chance of being punished for his part in causing the accident with its loss of life on Feb. 20th.

There is a side to the Husted bill that those who got it up were not aware of. After May 1st the Railroad Commissioners will have as much power in the premises as the new measure asks for. The power is conveyed by a provision of the general laws passed last year, which says:

No examination, request or advice of the Board, nor any investigation or report made by it, shall have the effect to impair in any manner or degree the legal rights, duties or obligations of any railroad corporation, or its legal liabilities for the consequences of its acts, or of the neglect or mismanagement of any of its agents or employees. The Supreme Court in its recent decision in the case of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, which is now before the Court of Appeals, and upon which appeal the General Term and the Court of Appeals may reverse and reverse upon the facts as well as the law.

In all actions or proceedings brought by the Attorney-General or by any other officer or person to recover penalties imposed by law, or to compel compliance with the recommendations of the Board, or brought in pursuance of a report made by the Board under this article, the findings of the Board shall be presumptive evidence of the facts therein stated, and the recommendations of the Board shall be deemed prima facie to be just and reasonable.

Indeed, this law, which goes into effect in less than one month, covers the whole ground of Mr. Husted's bill. This is only another illustration of the New York Central's obstruction tactics.

ITALY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND.

The recall of Baron Fava, the Italian Minister, should not be construed as threatening war. It does not even necessarily mean the rupture of diplomatic relations between the countries, as the Italian Legation is not closed and the Marquis Imperiali is in charge to conduct its business. Italy is wrong in its demands on this Government. Our treaty with that country holds us to granting to Italians here the protection which is accorded to natives. No more than that. When Italy asks that the Government "guarantee" that justice be meted to the guilty parties in the New Orleans lynching and "to promise damages to the families" of the Italians who were killed, it asks more than our Government could do for its citizens. When the Italian Government has a clearer understanding of the case it cannot feel that our treaty obligations have been violated in the least.

GRIP WEATHER.

Nothing would be more generally welcomed with delight at this time than a change of weather. The cold dry days which have marked March still continue. The grip thrives in them, and it is hopeless to think its force will be notably weakened until clear and dry days have come. The death rate shows an increase rather than a diminution in the latest reports.

The worst of the grip is its disposing the person it attacks to malades more serious than itself, such as pneumonia. Great care should be taken against exposure to even an ordinary cold at this time, when there is such a fatal tendency to the grip. Care will be especially needed also when the change to warmer weather takes place. The underclothing should not be lightened too abruptly. The grip is not an amusing thing.

when you have it, and it is only ordinary prudence to guard against it.

The reduction in the price of sugar due to the removal of the duty on it will be agreeably felt. Sugar is a necessity, although it enters so largely into luxuries. The price of candies will be a little affected also, and people with a taste for sweets can gratify it more economically than heretofore. The small boy will get a larger stick of candy for his penny and the workman can use three lumps of sugar for his tea or coffee instead of two. This is good. Small favors gratefully received. The more reduction there is for necessary things the better for the consumers.

The London Times takes this rather clear-headed view of Italy's action in recalling Baron Fava: "A little foreign complication is sensational, but not serious. It is a godsend and insures the new Premier's reputation for patriotism; that is everything in a country like Italy."

A whole Summer of BURLINGTON, in prospect since the Connecticut House has adjourned until November, should teach the Nutmeg State's people a wholesome lesson about the popular election absurdities in their State Constitution.

Senator SHERMAN says that Major McKinley will be nominated for the Governorship of Ohio and elected. If he is it will be because a great revolution of feeling has taken place since last November.

Rhode Island's Legislature will retrograde into Republican control as a result of yesterday's election and of Democratic dissensions.

Labor means to get a hearing on the eight-hour day. The advance lines are already out for the '91 campaign.

SPOTLIGHTS.

A woman's pocket dial, the cleverest pickpocket nowadays, and yet the woman carries her same in her hand. The trouble is, she cannot find the pocket herself.

Whatever may be said about the transit employees, Jay Gould's motives are "fast" enough, for they "will not wait."

The theatrical profession resent the discovering of a microbe in "star" dust.

They say enough for me will always do for two. Asia's enough for two has barely done for one.

It is a question of detail with the City Reform Club and the Essex Commissioners. The club wants them to be Exalted Commissioners.

Bolton has nothing to do with the whales that blow in the spring, tral-la-lal!

Rider Haggard lost his wife while in Mexico. Fortunately he found her again in New York.

"Haddome is as handsome does" is not applicable to New York husbands.

"Oke on Lyttleton" has no weight in the cake region of Pennsylvania.

WORLDINGS.

The Earl of Albemarle, now in his ninety-second year, is one of the few survivors of the revolution in the Crimea. He is the only one of the aristocracy who fought in the Crimea and the only one who fought in the Crimea.

One of the striking figures in the Russian palace at Gatchina is the great old countess, which is the Countess of Foulton, and it is said that when he first came to Canada he used to shock the people of Ottawa by playing the game on Sunday with the male members of his family and their friends. It is reported that the Countess of Foulton is the only woman who has been in the palace at Gatchina.

Grass, which Queen Victoria has chosen as the place for her Spring visit, is used the prettiest towns on the Riviera. It is used the prettiest towns on the Riviera. It is used the prettiest towns on the Riviera.

The Italian navy has ten mammoth ships of war, the largest of which is the Italia, 13,000 tons, with 10,000 horse power engines. A part of her armament comprises four 110-ton guns.

What He Heard.

The courtier rose upon a stool, and, looking at the king, he said: "Your Majesty, I have just heard that you are going to the Riviera. I am very glad to hear that, for the Riviera is a very beautiful place, and I am sure you will have a very pleasant trip."

Lord of the cherubed voice rose in a measured cadence, and, looking at the king, he said: "Your Majesty, I have just heard that you are going to the Riviera. I am very glad to hear that, for the Riviera is a very beautiful place, and I am sure you will have a very pleasant trip."

Upon the stage a mimic play was being enacted, and, looking at the king, he said: "Your Majesty, I have just heard that you are going to the Riviera. I am very glad to hear that, for the Riviera is a very beautiful place, and I am sure you will have a very pleasant trip."

A Dire Failure.

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She gazed upon the totality of hair that upon his head had grown, and, looking at the king, he said: "Your Majesty, I have just heard that you are going to the Riviera. I am very glad to hear that, for the Riviera is a very beautiful place, and I am sure you will have a very pleasant trip."

A Bunch of Violets.

Signs of affection. One of the most beautiful signs of affection is the bunch of violets. It is a very beautiful flower, and it is very common to find a bunch of violets in a woman's hand.

The Old Old Story.

Cumso-What was the matter with Benson? I hear he fell down the stairs last night and hurt himself. Benson said: "I was just going to bed, and I fell down the stairs. I am very sorry, but I am not hurt."

The Usual Thing.

Bismarck (Nehgub Urtel)-Old Mr. Millard has left us \$400,000 in his will. President (ditto)-Oh, dear! I hear that Mr. Millard has left us \$400,000 in his will. President (ditto)-Oh, dear! I hear that Mr. Millard has left us \$400,000 in his will.

Your Blood.

Needs a thorough cleansing this spring in order to expel the impurities which have accumulated during the winter, or which may be hereditary, and cause you much suffering. We have a very good blood purifier, which is called Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a very good blood purifier, which is called Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is a very good blood purifier, which is called Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That Delight the Gentler Sex.

New Use for Cheap Silks-Suede Gloves for Mourning Toilette.

Novelty in Hairpins-To Test Tea-A New Water-proof Glove.

Cheap silks are being picked up and made into slips to wear under lace, organdy, crepe and net dresses.

There are few plain black silks on the market, the dead surface being relieved by small, dark spots or by the uniformity of lavender, blue or red woven in natural silk.

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The Manager-Calm yourself, my dear young lady.

Subrette-How can I? A man in the gallery threw a brick at me.

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THE CLEANER.

Mr. Morrison tells me that "Betrothed," Daudet's charming comedy now running at the Garden Theatre, is proving a great attraction to the women. No wonder, for the happiest period of a woman's life is during betrothal. This, too, is a good thing for the play, for where the women go the men are sure to follow. Incidentally I hear the last act is to be partially rewritten and some other little improvements added. "Betrothed" appears to have caught the public fancy and looks good for a prosperous run.

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A SURPRISE PARTY.

(From Judge.)

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